

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MEMBERS SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE (POLICY AND RESOURCES): 5 NOVEMBER 2003**

#### **ASSOCIATION AND DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK (ADSW)**

##### **Report by Director of Educational and Social Services**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To propose to Committee that East Ayrshire council be represented at the ADSW Criminal Justice bi-annual conference to be held at the Hilton Dunblane Hydro Hotel, Dunblane on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2003.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The bi-annual conference is being organised by the Association of Directors of Social Work.

- 2.2 The theme of the conference is "Creating Just Solutions" and the the programme will include the following:

- Keynote addresses by leading politicians, academics, social work professionals and members of the judiciary all focusing on current issues within the criminal justice system including the discussion around a possible single agency and the targets of the Scottish Executive in relation to non custodial options for sentencers.
- Workshops on the above themes
- A particular focus on the issues relating to youth justice

- 2.3 The ADSW conference seeks to promote and explore:

- Alternatives to custody and youth justice
- The opportunity to discuss the potential for the removal of criminal justices services from local authority control

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost per delegate of the full conference is £290 (residential-single occupancy) or £190(non-residential). Both rates are exclusive of VAT.

**4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 It is recommended that the Council authorise member representation at the conference.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

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